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SUBJECT: JAPANESE FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL WITH NATIONAL PERSONNEL AUTHORITY AND HAVE REVIEWED BIO-DATA ON THE TWENTY JAPANESE OFFICIALS SELECTED FOR EARLY TRAINING IN THE U.S. WE UNDERSTAND JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED SAME BIODATA TO EA/J BUT WE HAVE FORWARDED DUPLICATE SET TO CU/IVP/V. THE GROUP APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WELL SELECTED, AND HAS BEEN TESTED FOR ENGLISH COMPETENCE AT SOPHIA UNIVERSITY. WE ARE TRYING TO GET ENGLISH TEST SCORES, FOR AID IN EVALUATION OF PLACEMENT POSSIBILITIES.

2. GOJ WILL PAY \$1,000 PER MONTH LIVING EXPENSES FOR EACH TRAINEE. IF TUITION REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL TRAINING COURSES, WE WILL DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES WITH THEM.

3. WE RECOGNIZE SHORT NOTICE PRESENTS DEPARTMENT AND COOPERATING AGENCIES WITH VERY DIFFICULT PLACEMENT PROBLEMS. THE POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS TRAINING PROGRAM TO LONG-TERM U.S. WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOJ IS OBVIOUS, HOWEVER, AND WE BELIEVE MAJOR EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO

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PROVIDE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM EXPERIENCES FOR THESE FUTURE

LEADERS. CU AND AID EXPERIENCES WITH TRAINEES FROM LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MIGHT BE RELEVANT. IN ANY CASE, WE NOTE THAT COMPARED WITH LDC'S, VERY FEW JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAVE HAD ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN THE U.S.

4. EACH ETA DIFFERENT. EARLIEST WILL BE END OF SEPTEMBER. WE ARE PREPARED TO ARGUE FOR FURTHER DELAYS IF REQUIRED, BUT WITH NO ASSURANCE THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE ON POSSIBILITIES WHEN CU HAS HAD TIME TO STUDY BIO-DATA. THIS GOJ FINANCED PROJECT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO OUR U.S.-JAPAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AND A BROADER BASIS FOR INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE A TEMPORARY INCONVENIENCE TO OTHER USG AGENCIES, IT SHOULD IN THE LONG RUN BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO THEM.
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